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# XAVIER UNIVERSITY NEWS

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## Sophomores Reorganize Class Group

### Ten New Offices Created—All To Be Changed

Complete reorganization of the Sophomore class featured the second convocation of the year, held in place of the regular Corps Day assembly. Plans for all manner of events will be the aim of the society, especially the betterment of Xavier University.

A new "get acquainted" policy was inaugurated, whereby several class smokers will be held during the course of the year, and the purpose of which will be to introduce members of the sophomore club to one another. The outcome will, it is hoped, produce a more homogeneous class body.

New offices of Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Publicity chairman, Program chairman, Social chairman, Intramural chairman, Financial chairman, and Constitutional chairman have been established. The men selected for these offices will be announced next week. William L. Blum, elected to the class presidency last year, will continue as president of the Sophomore club. The Rev. John J. Benson, S. J., dean of the college of liberal arts and sciences, will act as faculty moderator.

It shall be the purpose of the club to promote all social and athletic events of the university, and to establish a closer bond of friendship between all the men who go to make up the university.

In order to defray any expenses incurred during the promulgation of this plan, an initiation fee will be charged to each member of the club.

The activities of the club will be governed by the various committees. Each committee will be composed of from three to five members, who will assist the chairman in the pursuance of the duties of the special committee. All committee chairmen will be appointed next Tuesday. It is vitally important for every member of the class to be present at all the meetings, as the plans discussed will be for the welfare of each student, and for the class as a whole.

## Convention Of Catholic Press

Members of the three local Catholic Colleges, Our Lady of Cincinnati, Mount St. Joseph, and Xavier, met Sunday in the Administration Building of the Edgecliff School to discuss plans for a Catholic school press conference to be held early next year.

The last affair of this kind was held at Mt. St. Joseph College in May, 1938, and was attended by over six hundred high school and college journalists from a 150-mile radius of Cincinnati.

The tentative date set for the coming convention is February 24th. All students of Xavier will be invited to participate.

## 'NEWS' ON WCKY

The News is in receipt of a letter from radio station WCKY inviting Xavier to participate in one of a new series of programs to be dedicated to the universities of the nation.

Each program in the series is to be sponsored by the official college newspaper, and is to tell the story of its university, a salute to the university from WCKY, musical selections chosen by the majority of the college paper's readers, a message from the editor of the paper, or a message from the president of the University delivered by a representative.

The News would therefore like to hear from its readers concerning the music to be used on this program. Please select the ten most liked musical numbers that you would like to have us use on your program.

Date for the broadcast is not definite as yet, but the program will take place in the near future.

## RALPH T. YOUNG, LEGIONNAIRE, ADDRESSES CLUB

Ralph T. Young, well known American Legion lecturer, will speak as the guest of the Sodality of the Immaculate Conception next Thursday. "Communism in Our Colleges" will be the topic. Mr. Young is Past-Commander of the Robert Bentley Post of the American Legion.

Sodality Secretary Paul L. Burkhart, commerce student, arranged the program. "Mr. Young," said Burkhart, "is noted for his oratorical ability and his knack of holding the interest of his audiences."

The Rev. John E. Mahoney, S. J., Moderator of the Sodality, suggests that no one miss this meeting. The entire student body is invited.

The meeting will be held in the lecture room of the Biology Building.

The formal reception of Frosh applicants for the Sodality is scheduled for Thursday, December 7.

The Rev. John E. Mahoney, S. J., Sodality Moderator, will be the celebrant.

Richard J. Huelsman, recently elected freshman prefect, will lead in the prayers. The 183 freshmen students are eligible.

Emmet A. Ratterman, president of the Sodality, announced that the football box seat ticket raffle was successful. The proceeds enabled the Sodality to meet expenses for the Queen's Work and various pamphlets.

## FEW TOO MANY

The Temple University school of medicine had 2,000 applications for 110 vacancies in its freshman class.

## Night School Holds Annual Party Dec. 8

### Richard Grace, Council Head, Is Chairman

Richard Grace, president of the Evening Division Student Council, has been appointed general chairman of the night school's Card and Lotto Party to be given Friday evening, December 8th.

The site of most evening division parties in the past several years, the Hotel Gibson Roof Garden, will again be the scene of this affair.

The purpose of the party, said Grace, is to raise funds to furnish a reading room for members of the night school. Admission will be fifty cents.

Other committees and their chairmen are: Prize Committee, Annamæ Cook; Lotto Committee, Harold Freking; Card Room Committee, Dick Roth; Host and Hostess Committee, Harold Noltling and Eleanor Zins; Prize Distribution Committee, Bob Woerner and Elmer Baumann; Card Distribution Committee, Maureen Dewar; Door Keepers Committee, Jack Flynn; Ticket Returns Committee, Howard Ortman.

## 112 Cadets To Receive Merit Citation Bars

One hundred and twelve cadets have been cited for exceptional merit in Military conduct according to General Order Number 12, as issued by the Military Department. The second year Basic Course cadets who have been so decorated will receive gold stars which are to be worn on their citation bars. A blue and white citation bar will be given to each first year basic Course cadet who has been cited.

The cadets receiving citations (Continued on Page 6)

## QUEEN'S WORK SPONSORS FIVE PART CONTEST

### First Prize For Each Contest \$50

All Catholic college students have been invited to participate in a contest sponsored by the Queen's Work, to discover competent artists attending the Catholic colleges of the United States. The contest embodies five phases of artistry, namely, photography, drawing, song-writing, short-story writing, and one-act play writing. In reality, there are five different contests, each having a prize and deadline. The rules and deadlines for the various contests are as follows:

1) Best photograph: May be candid camera shot, action or portrait picture, may be religious in theme, may reflect any phase of college life, or any other sub-

## DOOLEY, RACK RECEIVE ARMY COMMISSIONS

Under the Thomason Act of the U. S. Army, two members of last year's graduating class, also graduates of the Reserve Officers Training Corps, will become Reserve Officers on active duty in the Regular Army. They are Richard L. Dooley and Lawrence G. Rack. Both were cadet captains in the Xavier Corps of cadets.

They will enter the Regular Army on December 1 and will remain on duty until the last of June. At the end of this time they may be able to enter the Army permanently as commissioned officers. The assigned post will probably be in the Field Artillery at Fort Knox, Kentucky, where the First Year Advanced Course held its training camp last summer.

## Five Xavier Students In O.L.C. Operetta

Five students of Xavier University will participate in Our Lady of Cincinnati College's presentation of "The Vagabond King," by Victor Herbert on Sunday and Monday, December 3 and 4.

They are Raymond E. Weigel and Robert S. Cahill, juniors, who had leading roles in the Masque Society's production of "Libel" last year; freshmen Frederick J. Towers and Stanley A. Schulte and arts sophomore Robert W. Rack.

The music and chorus of the operetta is under the direction of Mr. John Fehring, archdiocesan musical director. Sister Marguerite of O. L. C. is directing the play.

Performances will be held Sunday afternoon and evening and Monday evening in the auditorium of the Edgecliff school.

## Frosh Found Four Year Organization

### Wide Scope of Activities In Program

The freshmen are organizing into the first freshman class group of its kind in the history of the school. At a meeting last week, the 183 first-year students founded an organization to exist for the duration of their four school years, until the freshmen graduate. This plan was allowed by the Rev. John J. Benson, S. J., Dean, at the suggestion of the Rev. Laurence J. Lynch, S. J., Dean of Freshmen. Dean Lynch will be the faculty advisor to the freshman group.

Freshman William J. Schrimpf was elected to the presidency in the recent election by the lowest possible plurality, for one vote behind Schrimpf was the Dorm candidate, Alvin R. Lantz, who was made Vice-President. These two, Schrimpf and Lantz, will represent the freshmen in the Student Council.

The freshman class, which is "out to make history," was presented with an outline of their program of the year. It will include ways and means of supporting the school events, of giving various socials, and of raising funds. Fines from absentee members, plus regular dues will contribute to the class treasury.

The meetings are being held weekly during the former Corps Day hour on Tuesday morning in Room 47 of the Biology Building. In the near future the board of officers will submit for approval a constitution which they are preparing.

In the elections of last week for auxiliary offices, William J. Klieman was made recording secretary, John J. Beckman, corresponding secretary, and J. Howard Lewis, treasurer.

## THAT'S ONE WAY

Eight students of Little Rock Junior College are earning their college expenses operating a peanut butter plant.

## Mermaid Hears Feldhaus' Play

The return of ten alumni marked the Thanksgiving All-Patron Highday of the Mermaid Tavern at its meeting, Tuesday in the Union House. The returning grads were: Louis Feldhaus, Francis X. Brearton, Edward P. Vonderhaar, John A. Brink, Robert Bueter, John E. Fogarty, Richard L. Dooley, William J. Rielly, James J. Hausman, and Edward A. Doering.

The session was concerned with the first public reading of Mr. Feldhaus's new play "Shakespeare Buys A Corsage." It is a three act comedy.

Because of the St. Joseph-Xavier basketball encounter, the meeting of December 4th possibly will be postponed.

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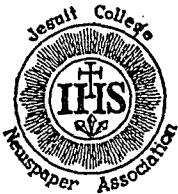
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1939

## Deserved Tribute—

**M**ERE GLANCING at the statistics of the season's record of the Musketeer eleven will not give a real picture of the spirit of the team. It is true that three victories, five defeats, and a tie does not look like a very successful season. Those who see only as far as the obvious weakly label the football parading of Xavier as the worst season in many of our traditional grid years.

First of all, one should not be too critical of our team because the schedule of nine games had listed five teams with whom we had had no previous grid warfare. The untried and untested opponents are those that most often upset the football cart. Look what Iowa did to Notre Dame's perfect record. Look what little Scranton did to the touted teams of Marshall and Toledo. Did not Illinois wallopp the soaring Michigan eleven, even though all the experts picked Michigan in a breeze?

Secondly, one should not call this a forgettable season because advance press notices picked Xavier as looking forward to an unbeaten season. Both the minds of the players and of the public were doubtlessly influenced and made over-confident by this wishful reporting. Our initial defeat at the hands of the Rattlers from Texas, came as a definite disappointment to everyone concerned, as was evidenced by the slim crowds for the rest of the season.

A third and mighty potent cause was that our team was sadly riddled with injuries, which caused exceptional havoc to the team's chances at a better than average season.

Please do not interpret the above as excuses or alibis for our team. We still contend that those who give reasons in the "I'm sorry; I go to Xavier" manner are not worthy to belong to the great-hearted Xavier fold.

We would much rather look upon the grid season as a success for the simple reason that our team aroused more school spirit around the campus than Xavier has seen in over a decade. Win or lose, the team always knew that they had the whole number of the student body behind them. For this fact alone, one can drop the five losses as mere incidentals in a greater show of student support and spirit.

So to Captain Paul Sheetz, to the senior football players, to the whole team we give our sincerest praise for their great efforts in giving their all for the Blue and White of Xavier.

## For the Cheerleaders—

**W**E RECEIVED WORD from the four cheerleaders that they were applying to the athletic department that their services be recognized in the form of school letters.

We understand that their cheer-letters, as they suggested, would not be the same as the football or basketball letters. The News would like to take up their cry, for the straightforward reason that

they are most deserving of some sort of recognition for their services most earnestly and voluntarily given.

After all, it does take a lot of work to keep spirit alive in the student cheering section. Their work this year, we think, was outstanding in giving Xavier what it has long needed — a united cheering group.

We see little reason why cheerleaders get their letters only in their senior year. Everyone knows that the use of lettered sweaters is decidedly limited after graduation. The football players and basketball players get letters after one year of service on the varsity squad. Why then make exception for the cheerleader squad?

It seems logical to us that the cheerleaders' message to the athletic department should be answered by awarding them letters which they have completely deserved. It is the sportsmanlike thing to do.

## In Christian Charity—

**A**S THE RED CROSS roll-call drive for membership nears its end, we notice that the figures total much less than the quota originally aimed at. For this deficit we direct our message to our readers.

You have personally witnessed all the generous effects of this organization, a paramount example being the relief they gave to the downtrodden and water-swept people in our city alone in the last flood.

The Red Cross is a memorable example of the spirit of democracy that sets America so apart from other countries, that above all exemplifies the Catholic cardinal virtue of charity.

With your additional help it can continue to serve America in the noble way that it has in the past.

## THE GOLDEN BOYS.

**H**ARVEST those spudatoes, brethren, thereby lending Sam your good ear, 'cause the weekly digest of who's few in the spotlight is here and there. Now, wasn't that Pow-Wow the nicest, quietest affair you ever waded through? Yowsir, what that had in common with a peaceful evening at home is nawthin, little ol' nawthin! Those smaller noises about midnite were made by glasses hitting the floor, and the louder variety came from tables hitting the same substance. Paul 'the prexy' Beckman brings Virginia, the St. Louis woman (sans diamond rings) to give her an idea of what the Sword & Plume can do when the pressure's on. Frankly, she may not come back. Likewise Kissel has Helen Marie from Chicago on the string. Give a girl enough rope and she'll hang up on you. It's still a bit of a mystery but Sam thinks Delhi's Ruth was with Dan Kernan, or was it Joe Kern? Just a difference of two letters anyway. Ah, yes, Craffey with precious Patty, which reminds us to close the window; it's getting a bit chilly. So, according to page one of the last itchu, "the yearbook will be different" — which recall the poster, "our sandwiches are different." Shoe leather on toast! Some evening gowns are fitting and proper, while some are

## FIRE AT WILL . . .

**A**S WE FUMBLE about trying to open our typewriter there is one persistent thought that keeps knocking on our occipital lobe, to wit: all of the Xavier functions are rather well tagged—the Military Ball is certainly military . . . the Promenade is PROMinent enough . . . the Senior Ball is kicked around a bit . . . but the Pow—WOW!

**W**E MIGHT AS WELL mention, while philology is occupying our attention, that people along Piccadilly might be amused to hear that Ring-King Clark is clarking (English accent) at a department store of the loftier type . . . but you know how the British are when it comes to laughing. . . .

**L**IKE THE OLYMPIANS last night who had been doing a bit of laboratory work on the thesis expounded by our Biology department which states that man's dignity cannot be preserved in alcohol . . . Having completed the experiment, one of the stewdents addressed the barkeep, saying: "Give us the bill, Paul" . . . which his colleague agreed to, shaying: "Yesh, give ush the pall, Bill." . . . approaching more closely to the truth.

**T**HOSE PEOPLE WHO thought that Pow-wowers were celebrating with no cause, since Xavier owed the scoreboard three touchdowns earlier in the day, were wrong. They did not know that it was Arthur Sheetz's and Reggie Kissel's birthday . . . six hundred people at their party. . . .

STEALING ONE FROM the man

## It's Wonderful—

Last fall we spoke at a Peace Conference at the Mount, and immediately thereafter the War of Nerves which resulted in the present European conflict began. We are scheduled to speak again tomorrow at the Second Annual Conference. The U. S. will probably enter the War in a few months.

## The Time Machine—

J. B. Priestly who is known for his recent literary experiments with time would have been interested in an item which appeared in the Post the other day. It stated that at St. Andrew's Church a perpetual novena would be preached "all next week."

downstairs, we whisper softly that you can look for this calendar's Junior Promenade Chairman to be a man whose initials and ability stand for Right Kind . . . and you can look for the Prom to be of the same calibre, south of the border, down February way. . . .

**A**ND WHILE LARCENY is in the air, we'll give our upstairs neighbor grounds for rage by quoting the sign which guards the entrance to the Good Samaritan Hospital's driveway: "Doctors only park inside." . . . and the fancy prices they demand for fooling the public. . . .

**W**HICH CALLS TO MIND the alarming fact that Xavier-sellers Jurgens, Centner, Saunders, and companion have received as much response to their letter-letter as emanates from an unplugged Philco . . . thereby building up the suspense we feel over the outcome of an interview between the same office and a posse of Montana cowhands, intent on borrowing the fieldhouse for a rodeo . . . for a buck or two, as it were . . . Having shivered under the coool gaze of the head steersman ourselves, we anticipate icicles in the Biology Lobby.

**B**UT WE EXPECT NO PROGRESS. It's a wonderful thing—Progress, that is. For instance, like a fly looking for a place to spend the winter, we walked into a theatre lately, only to be reminded that the man was right who, describing the evolution of the movies, said that first we could see them, then we could see them and hear them, and now we can see them, hear them, and sm—well, they ARE pretty bad. . . .

By Jack Bruder

which is not so bad for an evening, if you like that sort of entertainment. Speaking of girls friends, the first hundred dears are the hardest! Chief of freshman, Bill Schrimpf, and his aide-de-camp, genial Fred Towers, help the T. P. A. cause from the side lines, along with Farrell, McDermott, Cowen, Rielly, Schwetschenau and Roach, who seems to have a mite of trouble with not only his date, but likewise his tails. There were some U. C. men there.

## In style and design

His shoes were deevine,

But for him she gave not a hoot—

He had athletes foot.

Reversing his field and shaking off the shackles, 'Horseman' Koch entertains one Kay from Wyoming Friday nite at a moldy, old-clothes dance, which date may or may not have a number of consequences. For further developments see Clear, who either has or had an interest there. Lead by F. P. Burke, the upper-crust of the German Club is reputed to be holding post-meeting meetings at the Barn, where the atmosphere is really rural. And one chap who is usually down in the dumps is the ash man. Look out, we're leaving!



## U C WHAT WE MEAN?



What do you mean, Sadie Hawkins' Day—  
I was caught in a revolving door...

—Joe Swindle

## Xmas Seal Sale Helps Missions

### Make Sacrifices For Worthy Cause Is Plea

At this time every year, Xavier men are given an opportunity to assist the Jesuit Missions in Patna, India. The medium through which they are asked to deliver this assistance is the buying and selling of the highly ornamental and beautifully laminated Christmas seals designed and manufactured by Jesuit scholastics.

The seals will again this year be distributed through the religion classes. The seals are done up in packages of twenty-five, each packet selling for twenty-five cents, or each seal for one cent. The goal set for Xavier is the sum of seventy-five dollars, or three hundred packages of seals.

#### Location

One of the questions usually asked by the students is: Where is Patna? Well, Patna is located in northeast India, and embodies a territory about as large as Indiana and Illinois combined. The headquarters and center of the mission is located on the Ganges River, about three hundred miles from Calcutta. Overlooking the mission on the north are Mount Everest and other Himalayan peaks. Living in Patna, there are twenty-seven million pagans, of whom two and a half millions are Mohammedans, and the rest belong to the innumerable castes of the Hindus. Christians are a minority.

The mission's prospects are exceptionally promising. Since 1929 there have never been less than one thousand conversions a year, while in some years there were over two thousand. There are now twenty-one thousand Catholics living in Patna.

Another question frequently asked is: Why should I help the mission of Patna? There is a great need of all help, however

small, for the good of the mission. Schools must be established, chapels and convents built, hospitals, a leper asylum, orphanages, and homes for the aged furnished. The help for these needed improvements must come from the outside, since the missionaries cannot furnish it themselves. The ordinary current expenses of Patna amount to \$75,000.00 annually. "Ordinary current expenses" do not include the funds necessary for the purchase of missionary sites, the building and maintenance of Catholic hospitals, or the erection of substantial headquarters for the Mission in Patna. The Mission budget is scarcely enough to provide for those already engaged in this great field of work.

The support offered by the Xavier students will have immediate and lasting results. Since conversions are so frequent, you, the men of Xavier, are almost certain to be instrumental in bringing a soul to Christ. Moreover, you will become a sharer in a special way in all the prayers and good works of the Fathers and Scholastics and Brothers now laboring in Patna.

## Contest Run By Queen's Work

(Continued from Page 1)

author desires. First prize, \$50.00 and publication of the song. \$25.00 and publication for each additional song selected. Dead-line for the Song writing contest is February 15.

5) Best One-act play: may be a farce, a comedy, a tragedy, a melodrama, a satire, a sketch, or straight drama. First prize, \$50.00 and publication. \$25.00 and publication for each additional play selected. Dead-line for this contest is March 15.

The general rules of the contests demand that the entries be the original work of a student of a Catholic college, and be submitted by that student. Address all entries to:

The College Contest Editor,  
The Queen's Work,  
CGBB West Boulevard,  
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## "Porkie-Pie" Men Invade Campus With New Style

It seems that every so often, a new craze is started on the campus, and to start it off in a suitable manner, a few pioneering students take initiative before all, and become exponents of the novel fad. Such may be evidenced in the new hat style, the "Porkie" or the "Flatie."

About a month ago, these new hats made their appearance in store windows and advertisements, but it wasn't until about a week ago that the headgear made its debut on the Xavier campus. Three of our Sophomores became the pioneers in this case, and came to classes wearing the darn' things. They were John Q. Singer, Bill Jacober, and Walt Deye.

Jacobor was the first to throw all self respect to the winds, and show a red corduroy "Porkie" to the more cynical men of Xavier. Singer, going Bill one step further, immediately purchased two of the new hats, one gray, and the other red. Running John a fast second was Walt Deye, modeling a rakish tan job. Students stood with open mouths, gaping at this breach in the styles of the well dressed collegian. And to top it all, Eddie Ryan had to beg, borrow or steal a "Flatie."

There is an old saying which goes "De gustibus non est disputandum," and that certainly evidences itself now. Poor Jacobor, after bearing the brunt of much criticism from his erstwhile friends, and squirming under the gaze of several elderly women, is just about ready to sell his purchase to the highest bidder, which should net him about 0c.

But Singer will not be influenced by criticism. He goes blithely on, wearing his "Pie" wherever he goes, intermittently styling the red and the gray.

Deye, who will defend his two bucks worth of hat at any time, will offer reasons for his splurge. "It's comfortable, and can be rolled up."

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## Deans Attend Conference



The Rev. Lawrence J. Lynch, S. J., Dean of Freshmen



The Rev. John J. Benson, S. J., Arts College Dean

Three deans of the University faculty were among more than two score of college heads who met at Chicago last week to discuss educational problems. Representing Xavier were Rev. John J. Benson, S. J., dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Rev. Lawrence J. Lynch, S. J., dean of Freshmen, and John C. Malloy, S. J., dean of the Evening Division.

At the Chicago meeting were

representatives from all Jesuit colleges in the Chicago, Missouri, and New Orleans provinces.



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Now that the Turkey Day games have rung down the first curtain on this pigskin season there will be an avalanche of All-this and All-that teams flooding the newspapers. So, confining ourself to our own locality, we wish to get our nickel's worth across.

Although the Muskies had a not too bright season, two seniors—Ed Kluska, end, and Captain Paul Sheetz, tackle, stood out like spotlights in a fog.

Even though injured in the early part of the campaign, Kluska remained in the line up as a defensive and offensive star. Ed's play was consistently great all season, but exceptional roles against Dayton, Kentucky, and Toledo should give him state-wide rating.

Captain Sheetz, 168 pounds of fightin' fury, furnished both the physical and moral support that enabled a crippled Muskie line to hold up against opposing powerhouses.

We don't see how any All-team can fail to include one or both of these Musketeer stalwarts.

Last week the Cincinnati National Indoor League team opened its season in the Fieldhouse, and the crowd that turned out seemed to take to the sport. Now that the Cincy team has copped five out of six games interest should be high. But sport fans like their competition fast, close, and exciting; and we can't see anything exciting about a 17-4 baseball slugfest which goes on for hours. The new sport doesn't seem to have caught the fancy of the students at Xavier. For one reason the game itself is not as fast indoors as outside; for another, the price bracket of 55c, 75c, \$1.10 is a little too steep. Since any seat in the Fieldhouse is as good as any other, it is our opinion that one price set around 50c would be advantageous to both customers and magnates.

This correspondent went into a huddle with "Boze" Litzinger, Muskie letterman and junior end, the other day and came over the line of scrimmage with the following as our dream team of 1939:

- L. E.—Kavanaugh, La. State
- L. T.—Shires, Tennessee
- L. G.—Smith, Southern Cal
- C.—Haman, Northwestern
- R. G.—Robnett, Texas A & M
- R. T.—Drahos, Cornell
- R. E.—Sarrkinen, Ohio State
- Q. B.—Cafego, Tennessee
- H. B.—Harmon, Michigan
- H. B.—Kinnick, Iowa
- F. B.—Christman, Missouri

Dribbling down the court: A Blue and White basketball squad riddled by graduation losses will open up Monday with St. Joe's Pumas. Probably four sophs will be in the line-up along with Capt. Al Geselbracht. . . . But the prospects are very bright in view of last year's good frosh outfit. Bill Gates, who starred for the Pressler Insurance team last season in the Price Hill K. of C. tournament, will be an important cog in the offensive ma-

## Five Teams Left In Elimination

### Nomads As Yet Undefeated

After this week's three I-M games the tag football league elimination narrowed down to five of the fourteen starting teams. In the upper bracket are the Nomads with three wins and no defeats and the Senior Premeds with one win and a tie. The Green Tree Pickers, the Dorm Wolves, and the Senior Commerce teams remain in the lower bracket.

In the first game this week the Junior Commerce outfit toppled the Freshman A. B.'s by the score of 18-6. The Coms tallied in the opening minutes of play when Gaskill snagged Joe Schuster's long pass and stepped over the goal line. Schuster heaved two more passes that were good for six points apiece before the half ended. The Frosh scored their lone touchdown in the last period when they capitalized on a Junior fumble. The passing of Joe Schuster was the Junior's best offensive weapon.

In another good game the Green Tree Pickers, who stand a good chance of copping the championship, over-powered the Soph Frenchies, rolling up a 30-0 score. The Green Tree boys showed plenty of class both on the ground and in the air. The Pickers scored their first touchdown on a pass from Flick to Russ, and then Heekin set up the next touchdown by recovering a fumble on the kick-off almost on the Frenchies goal line. Al Geselbracht's 50 yard run back of Bill Blum's punt, coupled with a Picker clipping which went unnoticed by the referee, was the outstanding play of the game.

The Dorm Wolves and the Junior Commerce game, which went to the Wolves, 18-6, was the best tilt of the week. Herbie Becker, running behind good blocking by Dick Shay, toted the pigskin over for the first Wolf tally. A long pass from Joe Blunt to Joe Sweeney was good for six more points, and the same combination racked up six more in the second half. The Juniors scored their lone marker on a pass from Schuster to King in the first quarter.

chine . . . And for the first time in some years Xavier will have the advantage of height with the first string averaging six foot. This will enable the Muskies to concentrate more on offense than on the previous system of close guarding . . . The 23 game schedule is the longest ever attempted by a Xavier team.

Just as we were about to suggest that some plan could be arranged whereby more basketball courts could be put up on the floor of the Fieldhouse for intramural basketball, we find that the Freshman Sports committee has the same idea. Which brings to mind the great success that has been made out of I-M sports at Xavier this year. Congratulations to the Committee in charge and to the students who participate and enliven the activity.

## Basketball Programs

An innovation for the basketball season is scheduled to take place at the first basketball game to be played on Monday. Novel programs are to be sold at five cents a copy.

These programs are to contain information on this year's hoop squad, its schedule, and matter on the coming opponents.

Plans for these programs are not definite at this writing but it was believed on reliable source that the programs would be sold.

## The Spotlight

The only regular left from last year's successful Xavier hoop squad is Al Geselbracht, captain and senior center.

Al, a two year letterman, broke into the first string as the pivot man in his sophomore year and has been a consistently good performer at that post.

In last season's campaign Al led the Blue scorers through the first fifteen games with 138 pointers. These included 55 field goals, and 28 conversions out of 53 foul shots.

Then, in the middle of February with five games remaining on the schedule, an appendicitis operation put Geselbracht out for the season.

Al, besides being an accurate point maker, is a stellar defense man especially under the basket when his height is a great advantage.

Captain Geselbracht's best showings have come in the traditional series with Kentucky's Wildcats. This year's games with the 'Cats will mark the third season in which he has appeared against them.

Upon Al's experience and leadership will rest the success of the '39 basketballers.

## Veteran Pivot To Lead Muskies



AL GESELBRACHT, Captain of the Blue and White, is the only regular from last year's squad.

## Hoopsters Embark On 'Stormy' Basketball Sea Monday Against St. Joe

### THE INSIDER by Brian Flanagan

They tell of jinx teams but we think that our team of '39 beats them all. Weakened throughout the season because of injuries, on eight different occasions having balls roll out of bounds or stop within the five yard line, referees making poor decisions at vital moments and opponents never failing to capitalize on an error, the football squad was certainly jinxed . . . But you can't expect to get the breaks all the time and we certainly got them last year and we hope the team gets them next year.

We saw the pictures of the Dayton game and they clearly show that Andy Craffey was clipped in that much-discussed blocked kick after the kick-off in that game. Andy was chasing after the ball and was hit from behind . . . We wonder where the refs were while this was going on? Which brings up the question of the poor refereeing of the whole season. One and possibly two more games might have been won if the arbiting had been better . . . Something ought to be done about it.

Basketball season opens Monday with the Muskies entertaining St. Joe's. We pick 'X' by a six point margin . . . New blue and white uniforms are in the offing for the basketball team, we hear . . . Speaking of sophomores, we wouldn't be surprised to see at least three and possibly four of them in the starting line-up Monday.

We were down to see the introduction of indoor baseball to the general public at the fieldhouse last Friday . . . It was a dull game — the dullness, being mostly caused from the fact that all the balls that struck the rafters were dead. This slowed the game up and many of the spectators, including us, left before the game was over . . . Sunday however, the rule about a ball striking the rafters was changed, so that a ball hitting the rafters was in play. This will help to speed up the game but we don't think that it will make a hit with Cincinnatians.

Odds and Ends: There will be a boxing team this year and plans are under way, with a schedule being formulated now . . . Ed Kluska, star end, played the last seven games of the season with an unset broken finger . . . The football schedule for next year will probably include seven of this year's opponents.

## Plenty Drafty

The University of Maine has a new wind tunnel that develops a 110-mile an hour gale.

Some 52,000 cigarettes were used by Williams College fraternities during rushing season this fall.

## Sophs May Get Starling Assignments

The Musketeer basketball squad, with four regular posts to fill and a host of sophomores ready and willing to fill them, began practice last Monday with but one week of drill ahead of them before embarking on the toughest schedule any Xavier team has ever had to face.

Head Coach Clem Crowe has the difficult job of finding a starting line-up for the opening game with St. Joe's, out of the group of three seniors, one junior, and six sophomores who turned out for the first day of practice.

### Veteran Center

Coach Crowe will build his team around lanky center Al Geselbracht, who was leading Muskie scorer last year up to the time he was forced to quit basketball because of an appendix operation. The other four posts are wide open with a good chance of four sophomores stepping into the starting line-up.

Sophs Bill Gates, Bert Robbin, John Thuman, Jim Vaughn, and Jack Norton will all be bidding for starting posts Monday while three others, Quinlan, McDaniel, and Himmler, will be out of the play while recovering from injuries sustained during the football season.

### Seasoned Material

However, Crowe may decide to start his seasoned varsity material left from last year and gradually work in the sophomores. In that case Nick Weiler, John Sweeney, and Boze Litzinger will be in the starting line-up along with Captain Geselbracht and one soph.

The opening game of the season against St. Joseph College next Monday will probably prove to be a hard one as the veteran Panther squad put up a good battle while losing to last year's stellar squad and may surprise the green and untried Muskies this year.

## Alumni Pistol Team Downed By Norwood Club

Monday night, November 27, the Xavier U. Alumni Pistol Club fired against the Norwood Revolver Club at Norwood and lost by the score of 1307 to 1191. The loss was attributed to the absence of a large number of the members.

High scorer for the Norwood team was Fordyce with a 275. Fletcher was high for Xavier with a 259. Others shooting for Xavier were Rack, Tillman, Geers, and Schuh.

The varsity pistoleers are busy getting themselves in shape for their matches which start February 10. Their full schedule will be announced soon.



## Xavier Ends Season With Five Defeats, Team Spirit Praised

### Season Toughest Since 1924

BY LARRY HEIM

With crushing defeats by Marshall, 6-20, and Toledo, 0-20, driving the final nails in its coffin, the 1939 campaign was laid to rest last Thursday with this epithet—"the toughest season since 1924."

The balanced account shows the Xavier team on the short end of a "3 won 5 lost 1 tied" record. The 1924 edition of the Musketeers won 2, lost 5, and tied one. Since 1918 only four teams have lost more games than they have won:

	Won	Lost	Tied
1924	2	5	1
1932	3	4	1
1937	4	5	1
1939	3	5	1

Practically the same team that had wrapped up the last seven games of the '33 season, the current Musketeer eleven was mildly surprised by an under-rated St Mary outfit in the opener, but a brilliant 19-0 win over Tennessee Tech eased the minds of the loyal rooters.

Then came that zero game upset at the hands of a rugged St. Vincent team, which game was considered just one of those things. But when Ohio U. refused to respect X's superior ranking and proceeded to spank the Blue and White, 6-20, it was evident something was amiss.

#### Wildcats Too Powerful

The first symptoms of a serious attack of defeatitis became evident as a grim X team succumbed in the final period to a formidable Kentucky Wildcat pack, in a game which they might have turned into quite an upset.

But the Battered Blue Battalion was injected with a hypodermic and went on to overpower the Pumas of St Joseph, 6-0, in a game which was to be a primer for the Dayton tussle.

In one gallant last stand to salvage some glory from a disastrous season, the Musketeers rose to the heights to out-fight, out-play, and out-score a highly rated but road-weary Dayton Flyer squad, 12-7. This was by far the best showing of the year and indicated the peak calibre of the Musketeer aggregation.

#### Muskies Trampled

The powerful Thundering Herd of Marshall took Xavier as they bounced back from the Flyer upset. But it was in the Thanksgiving Day classic that the team really sank to the depths. The Rockets dented the line with their ground plays and completely routed the Xavier air defense with deadly passes. This 20-0 defeat, the only game in which the Muskies were completely outplayed in all departments, was the most decisive since Centre slapped a 21-0 loss on X in the sixth game of the '37 campaign.

On the season the Muskies rang up 49 points (including eight touchdowns and a solitary PAT) while allowing the opposition 94 points. Flashes of sophomore talent throughout the year were rays of sunshine on the gloomy horizon. Joe McDaniel, who scored two markers besides setting up three others with some of the best passing seen around here in a long time, and "Chuck"

Lavelle, signal caller and pass receiver, gave promise of better things to come.

#### Kluska And Sheetz

And the adage "every cloud has a silver lining" holds true here also. Even in defeat, Capt. Paul Sheetz and Ed Kluska, two senior linemen whose great 'game after game' performances can't be overlooked, sparkled and kept the team together.

Sportswriters have tried to trace the cause of the Muskie downfall to various sources. True, the graduation of Al Schmerge and Al Howe left gaping holes in the line, and the absence of Walsh, Boehm, and Keller in the backfield weakened the offense. Then, too, early season injuries, such as put "Zip" Nickel on the sidelines, were jolts. But the fact that the eleven which swept to seven straight in 1938 could not come back remains a puzzle, and if an answer could have been found a losing season would certainly have been averted.

#### Crowe Tops

But one thing is a certainty. Clem Crowe, coach of the Musketeers, is one of the best in his business; and if he couldn't lead them to victory, it just couldn't be done.

And in all fairness to the Muskie players it must be said that each and every one of them gave their best and utmost, and that the bad season as not on account of a lack of team spirit or fight.

And so we leave the 1939 season as the puzzle that it is—a good coach, a good team, yet a bad record.

## Frosh Elect Janning 1939 Honorary Captain

The frosh football players this week elected Bob Janning, hard charging halfback, as the honorary captain of the 1939 freshman team, Coach Kenny Jordan disclosed.

Janning, last year's Co-captain of St. Xavier High team, was a regular performer in the freshman backfield and a promising prospect, according to Kenny Jordan.

Janning, tipping the scales at 175, is expected to fill the gap left by the graduation of "Nick" Weiler.

#### Final Scoring Records

	T.	PAT.	TOT.
McDaniel	2	0	12
Bergamy	1	0	6
Kluska	1	0	6
Craffey	1	0	6
A. Sheetz	1	0	6
Slattery	1	0	6
Conver	1	0	6
McMullen	0	1	1
Total	8	1	49



## ALWAYS ANOTHER SEASON



Coach Clem Crowe, who will lead the Muskie hoop squad against St. Joe Monday in the opener.

## Freshman Backfield Shows Good Prospects

The freshman grid squad of the past season showed great promise of filling the varsity gaps that will be made by graduation.

The frosh backfield is a combination of speed and power and represents the pick of the local prep schools.

At the left halfback post we have Bob Janning, 170 pound flashy back from Xavier High, who is fighting it out with Murrin of Cleveland for the coveted position. Both boys have shown plenty possibilities for future varsity squads.

The threesome of Mulligan, Finnell and Hanlon make up the list of manpower fighting to get the right halfback post. Mulligan is a skillful back from Pennsylvania, while Bob Finnell got his prep school spurs at Dixie Heights High of Ky. Hanlon is not to be taken lightly and displayed his greatness in gridiron tactics at Taylor High, North Bend.

#### Good Signal Callers

The duet of Brown and Straw make up the quarterback list. Brown is from Pennsylvania, and has shown great possibilities to lead a team effectively. Straw is from Sandusky, Ohio and is fast and light enough to make a great signal caller.

Gilmartin, one of the big threats at the fullback post, prepped at Xavier High where they had plenty of good football last year, Janning and he forming the blunt of the attack.

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Hillen, a 175 pound frosh from Withrow, has shown great form and may be the potential threat needed in the succeeding years for a great team.

Breckels from LaSalle High, Toledo, completes the trio working hard to win a name for themselves at the fullback post and also looms as a good prospect.

## Cincinnati Indoor Team Going Great

### Cops Twin Bill To Take League Lead

The Cincinnati team of the National Indoor loop staged a brilliant exhibition in the Fieldhouse Sunday, taking the St. Louis Pandas in a twin bill, 5-4 and 3-0.

The double victory gave the local team 5 wins out of the first 6 games to send them out in front in the league competition.

In "Diz" Kirkendall and "Teacher" Murphy Cincinnati has two of the best pitching artists in softball circles. Against Cleveland last week Kirkendall racked up 17 strike outs.

Art Espelage, a member of last year's Xavier Frosh basketball team, is one of the leading hitters of the squad.

The home games of the Cincinnati team are played on Fridays and Sundays in the Fieldhouse with the first game starting at 8:30. Admission is 55c, 75c and \$1.10.

#### FAMOUS KIN

The third president of Fordham University was a cousin of Mrs. James Roosevelt, mother of the President.

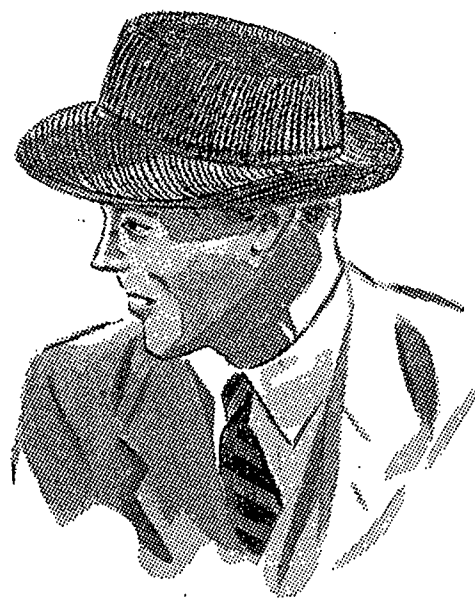
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The student will probably be wearing a flannel shirt, in any of three, torrid colors, or all all three of them in the one shirt. The object of the shirt is, no doubt, to liken the fellow to the lumberjacks, the he-men of the north country. At least, lumberjacks are always pictured to be wearing the same type of shirt.

### Character Socks

His trousers, or pants, if you will, will be of some rough texture, perhaps tweed, and will be striped, checked, or plain, as the wearer fancies. Invariably, the cuffs will be rolled up to exhibit a pair of socks that would make Sophocles turn over in his grave.

These socks display the character of the individual. Some (socks, of course) are striped, checks, plaid, speckled and plain. But seldom plain. It takes real

nerve to wear some of the socks seen about our campus, and our men have plenty of nerve. Some of them (still the socks) are enough to make the children on the streets run home to mother, badly frightened at the hideous spectacle coming down the street. But such conditions are seldom. It would be interesting to conduct a poll to determine how many pairs of gaudy footgear are sold in the United States, and then compare that with the number of college students wearing the things. However, to get back to the subject, our Xavier men seems to like wearing "hot" socks, and the colors seen are every one in the rainbow, and some that the poor rainbow never heard of. Enough for that.

### "Porkie-Pies"

The matter of shoes for school wear need not take up too much space, for it seems a matter of mutual agreement that the comfortable brogan, thickly soled with crepe rubber is the most popular.

However, when we go from the feet to the head, the controversy really begins. Here many of the fellows disagree. This year, the stylists brought to bear the fancied campus hat, called the "Pork-Pie." It can, and is worn by girls and fellows alike, with few differences. Some twenty of the Xavier undergraduates have become the models for the hat at our noble institution of exam duckers, and some of them have lived to regret it. As some of you already

know, particularly the victims, the hats shrink when becoming wet. But that is beside the point. The point is, do they preserve the varsity look? The question has much room for debate, and has been debated upon. The more conservative students remain neutral, the more progressive wear the hats, and the wise students wouldn't think of wearing them.

### Swaggerers

From the dull to the better, the coat outlook is much the same. Most students agree on the swagger model, in colors suiting the fancy.

And those are the points seen about the aged corridors and classrooms. Another point deals with shaving, which all consider a great hardship, but a necessity on some days. A fellow who comes to school looking as he should, a gentleman, cleanly shaven, and wearing a suit, either has a lecture or a debate scheduled, or he has a date.

### PHILOPEDIAN MEETS

Continuing their plan of weekly meetings, the Philopedian Society was scheduled to meet Thursday, November 30th, to present the following debate: Resolved, that all electrical utilities be governmentally owned and operated.

The affirmative will be upheld by Robert E. Rielly, arts sophomore, while Aloysius J. Menke, arts junior, will present the negative arguments.

## 112 Cadets To Receive Merit Citation Bars

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are:

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